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suggest a relay that includes a trip free assembly. In fact, Funayama fails to even teach a reset button on the disclosed relay. These distinctions are important and the trip free aspect of the claimed relay goes to the heart of the inventive relay. For at least this reason Applicant believes claim 1 and claims that depend therefrom are patentably distinct over Funayama.


With respect to claim 29, claim 29 includes limitations similar to the limitations in claim 1 (i.e., claim 29 requires a trip free reset assembly) and, for the same reason that claim 1 is believed to be patentable, it is believed that claim 29 and claims that pend therefrom are also patentably distinct over Funayama.

Applicant has introduced no new matter in making the above amendments and antecedent basis exists in the specification and claims as originally filed for each amendment. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes claims 1-36 of the present application recite patentable subject matter and allowance of the same is requested. No fee in addition to the fees already authorized in this and accompanying documentation is believed to be required to enter this amendment, however, if an additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 17-0055 in the amount of the fee.

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